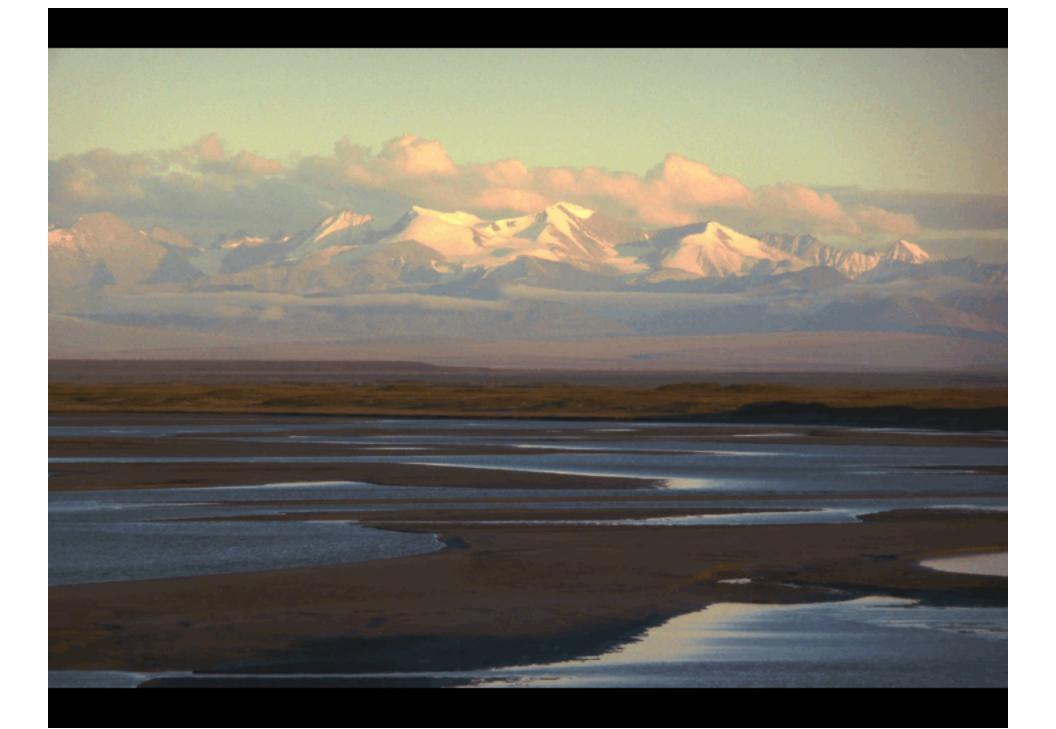
## Arctic National Wildlife Refuge

Draft Revised Comprehensive Conservation Plan &

> Draft Environmental Impact Statement

> > June 2011



## What is in the Plan?

#### Wilderness Review

- Required by policy
- A tool to evaluate current management
- Alternatives range from no new wilderness to all wilderness study areas recommended

### Wild & Scenic River Review

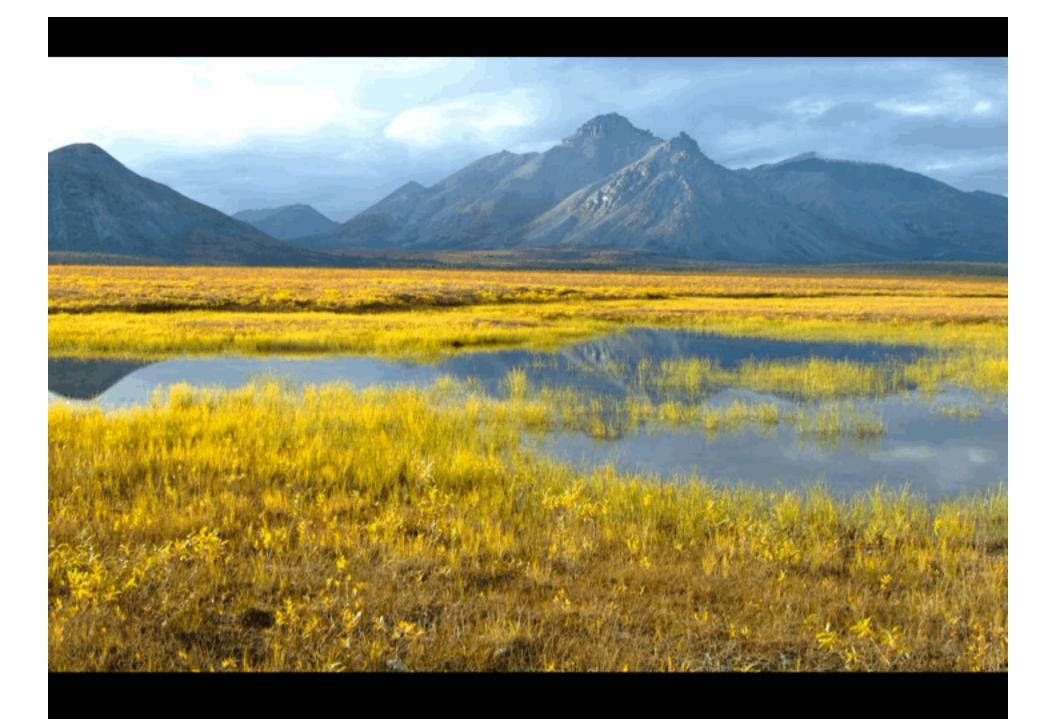
- Required by law and policy
- Alternatives range from no new wild rivers to four new rivers recommended

### What is in the Plan?

- Revised Management Guidelines
  - No manipulation of fish/wildlife populations or habitats except in emergency
  - Observe and monitor climate change without intervention
  - No public use facilities on Refuge lands
- Vision, Goals, & Objectives
  - Explain proposed management approach
  - Provide specific steps/commitments for Refuge management

### What is in the Plan?

- Six alternatives
- Each alternative includes:
  - Management guidelines (except Alternative A)
  - Goals and objectives (except Alternative A)
  - A range of approaches to three issues:
    - Wilderness
    - Wild rivers
    - Kongakut River visitor use
- An analysis of the effects of each alternative



# Goals & Objectives

- Are the "heart" of the Plan
- For example:

GOAL: Provide continued subsistence opportunities

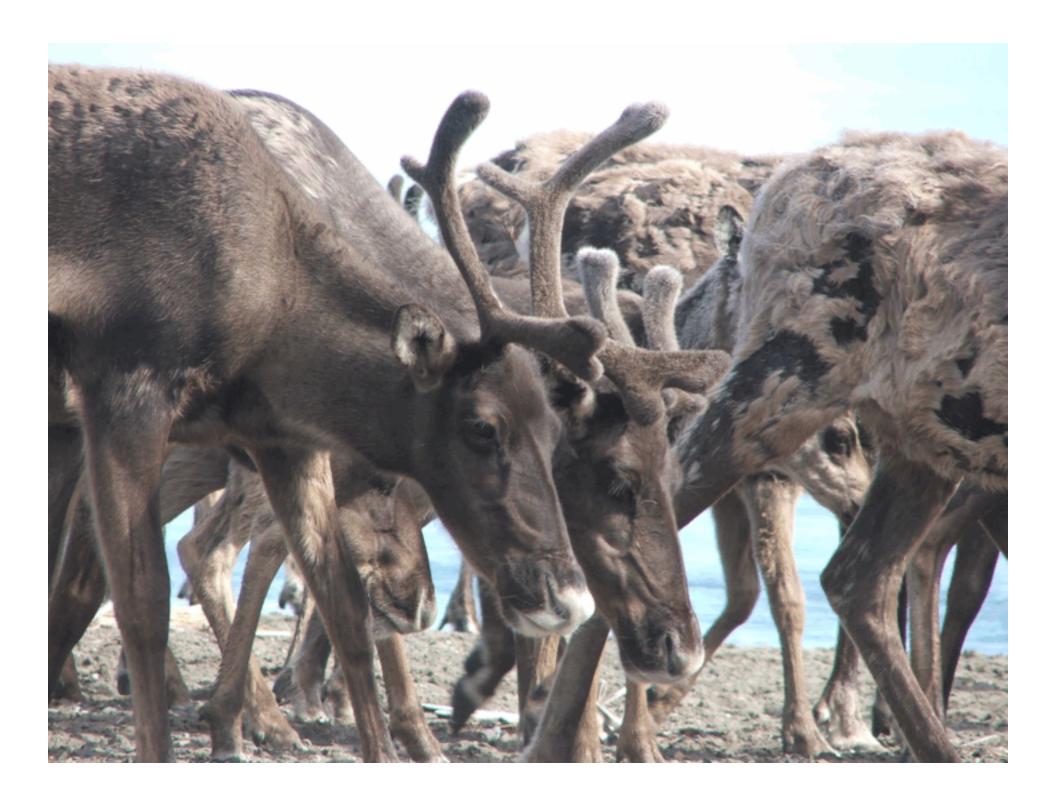
Objective: work with local communities

Objective: seek funding for harvest monitoring programs

GOAL: Provide a place for wildlife and wilderness-associated recreational activities

Objective: manage public use with least possible intrusion

Objective: develop a Visitor Use Management Plan



### More About the Plan

- All aspects of the Plan must:
  - Meet the mission of the Service
  - Meet the mission of the Refuge System
  - Meet Refuge purposes
- The Alternatives must:
  - Meet all of the above
  - Address the issues

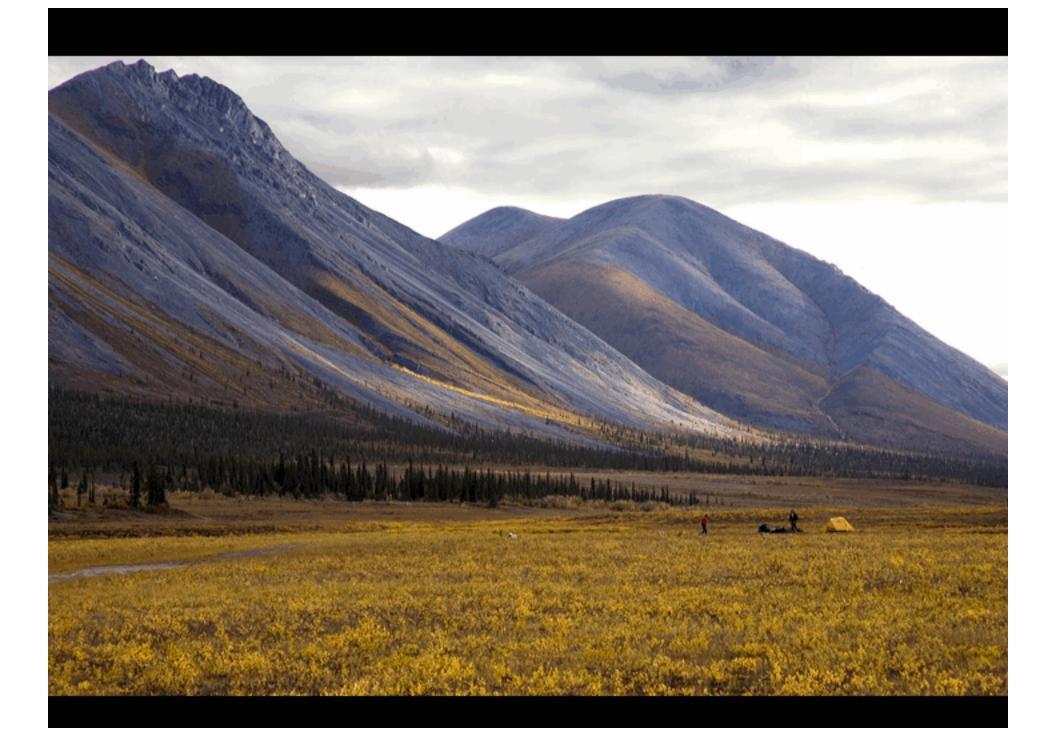


### What's Not in the Plan?

- No oil and gas development scenarios
  - Only Congress can open the Refuge to oil and gas
- No wilderness designation
  - Only Congress can designate wilderness
- No preferred alternative
  - To be developed after public comments
- Most visitor use issues to be addressed in a separate plan – to be started after the CCP

### What Does it Mean to Me?

- Subsistence opportunities continue
- Public use and access essentially unchanged
  - NEW: Permit required for all temporary facilities left from one season to the next in designated wilderness
  - NEW: Numbers of visitors could be restricted on wild rivers if river values are threatened
- No all-terrain vehicles for recreation (same as now)
- Natural processes and ecological functions would have a high degree of protection



## What's Next?

- Look at the posters and displays
- Ask questions
- Provide comments
  - ArcticRefugeCCP@fws.gov
  - http://arctic.fws.gov/ccp.htm
  - Comment period open until November 15, 2011
  - Be specific what do you like/dislike and why
- Your comments will help shape the Final Plan
  - o Final Plan in fall 2012
  - Record of Decision by end of year 2012

## Thank You!

Your participation will help improve the Plan

